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- 1. The garrison of Neuruppin consists of about 16,000 troops, among which artillery, armored, and infantry units are represented. The artillery, comprising one regiment, came from Güstrow at the beginning of April 1947. The armored unit is divided between Neuruppin and Altruppin; the Altruppin detachment is commanded by a Major Gilmann.
- 2. The military headquarters in Neuruppin is in the process of being evacuated to Rathenow; this operation is partially completed and control is divided now between the two towns.
- 3. A reduction in the garrison of Neuruppin has become apparent since the end of 1946. The Koppermann laundry, which deals exclusively with military requirements in this line, now only receives enough work to necessitate a twice-weekly wash. Prior to Christmas 1946, it was operating seven days a week in order to cope with demand.
- 4. Nightly artillery shoots are heard by the inhabitants of the town. These exercises take place on the artillery range which is bordered by the villages of Storbeck (Z 39), Gentzrode (Z 39), and Frankendorf (U 30).
- 5. The families of Russian personnel in Neuruppin have been ordered to vacate the town. (This order has not been favorably received by the families in question, and several stormy scenes have been witnessed when women and children were forced to entrain against their will).
- 6. A certain Major Prokojev is in command of an office which goes under the Russian name of Ketsch (phonetic). This office is at present divided between Neuruppin and Rathenow. "Sonderbaubüro I", which is under the supervision of Ketsch, is responsible for the whole of Kreis Ruppín within the province of its own special activities. It has its head office at Neuruppin.
- 7. The following are unit locations subsidiary to Neuruppin:

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| Neuruppin | Wittstock | Alt Strelitz |
| Altruppin | Kremmen | Neustrelitz |
| Mulke | Oranienburg | Nirow |
| Rheinsberg | Zehdenick | Röbel |
| Kyritz | Forstenberg | Fritzwalk |
| Dreetz | Lychen | Havelberg |

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